

2023 AIS Cost-Share Grant Program - Ranking Guidelines

Consider the ranking criteria below when designing your project and when completing your application. AIS Volunteer Incentive grants will not compete against Management Planning and AIS Control cost-share grant categories.

| Management Planning and AIS Control Categories | | AIS Volunteer Incentive Category |
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| Weight of Score | Ranking Topic | Weight of Score |
| 20% | AIS Planning Project initiates or completes a strategic planning process <i>Comprehensive Management Plan</i> <i>Lake Vegetation Management Plan</i> <i>AIS Early Detection - Rapid Response Plan</i> Elements of AIS monitoring included <i>Pre or Post Treatment Assessments</i> <i>Early detection surveys</i> <i>Contracted AIS mapping</i> | AIS Volunteer Education Preference will be given to larger time commitments Preference for lakes with more AIS or "new" AIS threats |
| 10% | Community Involvement Project includes aspects to increase community capacity <i>Lake resident survey</i> <i>Initiatives for lake community education</i> Partnership included within project <i>Partner organization is donating time / funds</i> | AIS Volunteer Engagement Preference for projects engaging larger number of people Preference for projects addressing "new" AIS threats |
| 25% | AIS Management AIS management is consistent with management plan / DNR guidance <i>Proposal has clearly defined goals, follows recommended guidance</i> <i>AIS is targeted strategically (dense colonies, public access, etc.)</i> <i>Integrated management (multiple AIS removal techniques used)</i> | MAISRC Education Scholarship First come, first serve basis Preference for 1-2 individuals per lake group each year |
| 25% | Feasibility of Project Project is reasonable and has a good chance of success. <i>Methods and acceptable timeline are outlined</i> <i>Program budget is defined and reasonable</i> | |
| 10% | Volunteer Involvement Project sponsor is involved in one or more volunteer programs <i>County-based AIS monitoring programs</i> <i>Sponsor-based AIS or lake monitoring program</i> <i>MN DNR AIS Volunteer program</i> <i>MPCA's Volunteer water quality monitoring program</i> <i>Participation in regional / statewide lake networking group (COLA)</i> | |
| 10% | Priority Project Status Project is for a "new" AIS threat to Sherburne County waters <i>New occurrence of a MN Prohibited Species in County</i> <i>Pioneer infestation to a lake (new AIS introduction)</i> | |

Resource and Guidance References

Lake Management Planning References

Interagency Lakes Coordinating Committee: Developing a Lake Management Plan - <http://www.shorelandmanagement.org/depth/plan.pdf>

Minnesota DNR: Guidance for AIS Early Detection and Monitoring - http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/natural_resources/invasives/prevention/ais_detection-baseline-monitoring.pdf

AIS Control and Management References

Minnesota DNR Guidance for Selective Treatment of Invasive Plants - http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/invasives/guidance_trt_inv_aq_plants_apr_04.pdf

Minnesota DNR Permit Program - <http://www.dnr.minnesota.gov/apm/index.html>

Minnesota Prohibited Species List - <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/laws.html>

Lake / AIS Monitoring Programs

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Citizen Water Monitoring - <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/citizen-water-monitoring>

Minnesota DNR AIS Volunteer Program - http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais_volunteer.html